

FACT SHEET – Oregon and Washington CZARA Needs

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ANSWER:

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Non-Responsive

- On December 20, 2013, EPA and NOAA jointly announced in the Federal Register our intent to disapprove Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Program. NOAA and EPA are operating under a 2010 settlement agreement obligation with Northwest Environmental Advocates to make a final decision on Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Program by May 15, 2014. To reverse the proposed disapproval, Oregon needs to adopt more protective forestry practices, control sediment runoff from new development, and adopt better practices to ensure on-site disposal systems are maintained properly. EPA and NOAA are working with Oregon towards these improvements **BACKGROUND**

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- EPA and NOAA decision on the Oregon Coastal Nonpoint Program is governed by the terms of the 2010 settlement agreement. EPA and NOAA are obliged to make a final decision by May 15, 2014, or seek to renegotiate this deadline with the plaintiff. If Oregon does not make the necessary improvements to its forestry practices and the new development and on-site disposal management measures, EPA and NOAA will be obliged to disapprove Oregon's program. Disapproval means that EPA and NOAA will be required to withhold grant dollars. The total amount of funds withheld by both agencies could range from \$900,000 to approximately \$1.2 million a year under current federal funding levels. EPA has devoted about 2.5 FTE to this work and will need to do so for the remainder of the year.
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Oregon CZARA issue. NOAA and EPA provided a briefing to the delegation on Dec. 17, 2013.

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